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- As a rule, the only personnel who are required to live on Soviet Embassy or other diplomatically immune premises are cipher clerks. Although Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MID) personnel may live in outside quarters, many of them prefer to live in Soviet compounds because it is cheaper and politically more prudent. This also applies to other purely overt personnel, ie., foreign trade, military missions, etc. Intelligence officers, however, are encouraged to live outside. Housing arrangements are made locally by the MVD or RU operational group chief in concert with the Soviet senior representative, whether military or diplomatic. Cost of this housing is absorbed by the MVD under confidential funds for operational expenditures.
- [redacted] no definite instance in which an MVD officer's true family remained in the USSR while a nominal wife accompanied him to a foreign post. [redacted] if this were done, it would be for reasons of operational necessity and not because the officer in question was not trusted. If he were not trusted, he would not be sent abroad in the first place. On the contrary, [redacted] for reasons of morale, and therefore of security, MVD officers are usually encouraged to take their families abroad with them. Unmarried officers are often urged to marry before going abroad. Children of pre-school age are permitted to go abroad with their parents, but those who are old enough to go to school remain in the USSR or are sent back from abroad. Undue importance should not be attached to the notion that the dependents of Soviet personnel stationed abroad are openly held as hostages in the USSR.
- It is quite possible that MVD officers proceeding abroad may occasionally use false names, either an entirely different name or simply a new surname. Interchange of first name and patronymic is also possible. However, changing of names is not a common practice and is, therefore, made only when there is strong operational justification. As a rule, MVD officers dislike changing their names because of the awkward

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complications that frequently ensue. [redacted] one Soviet official [redacted] had great difficulty in regularizing the status of a child born abroad while he was using a false name. It is also a practice among MVD officers abroad to give a different birth date to local authorities abroad on each occasion that registration is required. This is done simply to create confusion.

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4. If a Soviet official stationed abroad has a personal car, it is a reasonable, although not definite, indication that he is an intelligence officer.

[redacted] most officials who drive personally are intelligence officers. However, the converse is not necessarily true, for intelligence officers often ride in cars driven by chauffeurs who also belong to one of the intelligence services. MVD officers are encouraged to learn how to drive, and driving courses are part of the curriculum in intelligence schools in the USSR. MID chauffeurs are picked from those employed by the MID central motor pool in Moscow, and those of the MVD come from its motor pool. RU chauffeurs, however, are frequently officers.

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5. Some Soviet diplomatic installations are equipped with W/T transmitters.



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